

Surveillance Tools for Distributed Air/Ground Traffic Management

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Outline

- DAG-TM concept for information exchange
- Current cooperative surveillance functions in the NAS
- New surveillance capabilities under development
- Examples of application to DAG-TM elements
- Summary



Information Exchange in DAG-TM

- Core technology requirement: information exchange
 - "...enabling of universal access / exchange of information among all NAS stakeholders." *
- Core technology constraint: interoperability
 - "...the minimum equipage required to operate in a DAG-TM system will be the same as that required to operate in the current ATC system" *
- Cooperative surveillance as a core technology provides
 - Aircraft (or Flight Object) information
 Position, altitude, identification, velocity, intent, etc.
 - Aircraft-derived atmospheric state information
 Temperature, relative humidity, wind, etc.

* Concept Definition for DAG-TM v1.0



Topics

DAG-TM concept for information exchange



- Current cooperative surveillance functions in the NAS
 - Mode A/C/S operation
 - Air to air surveillance (TCAS)
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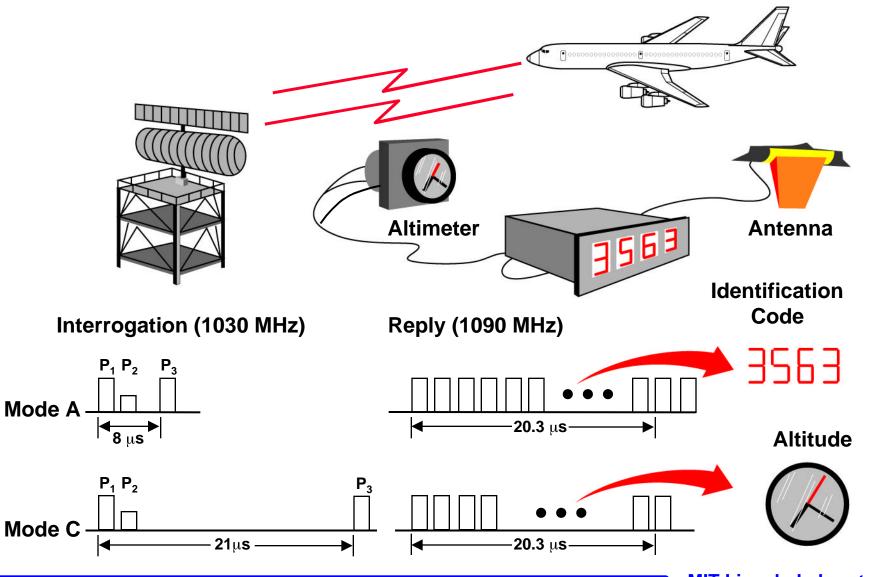


Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR-9)



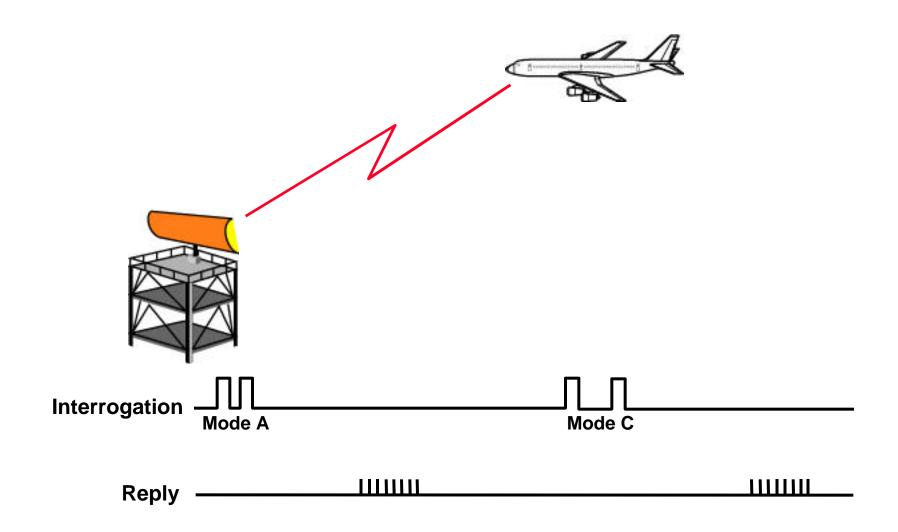


Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon System (ATCRBS)



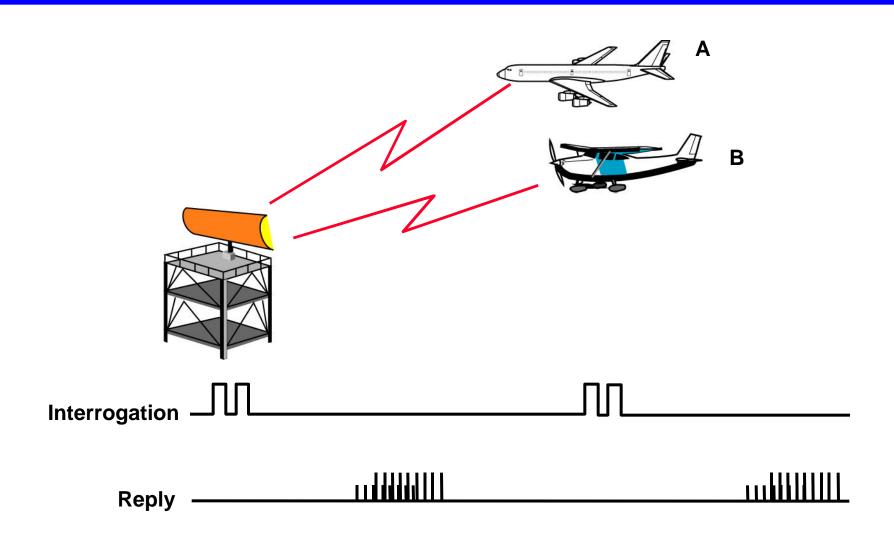


ATCRBS Operation



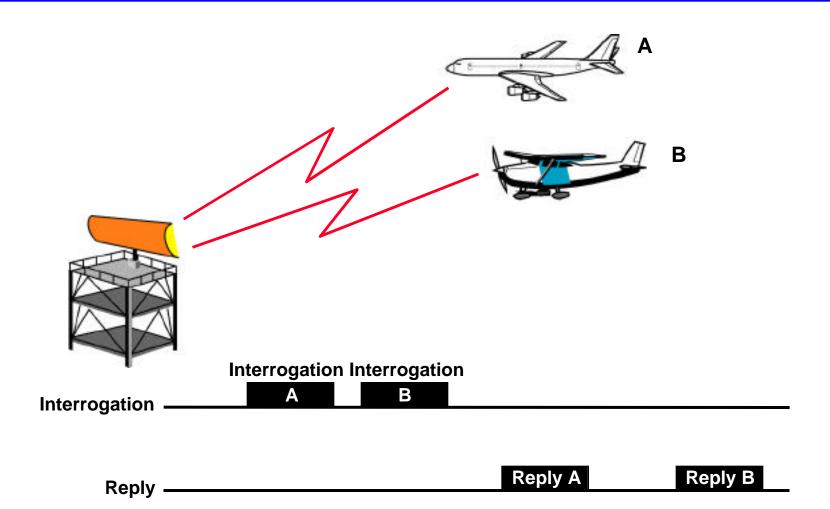


Synchronous Garbling of ATCRBS Replies



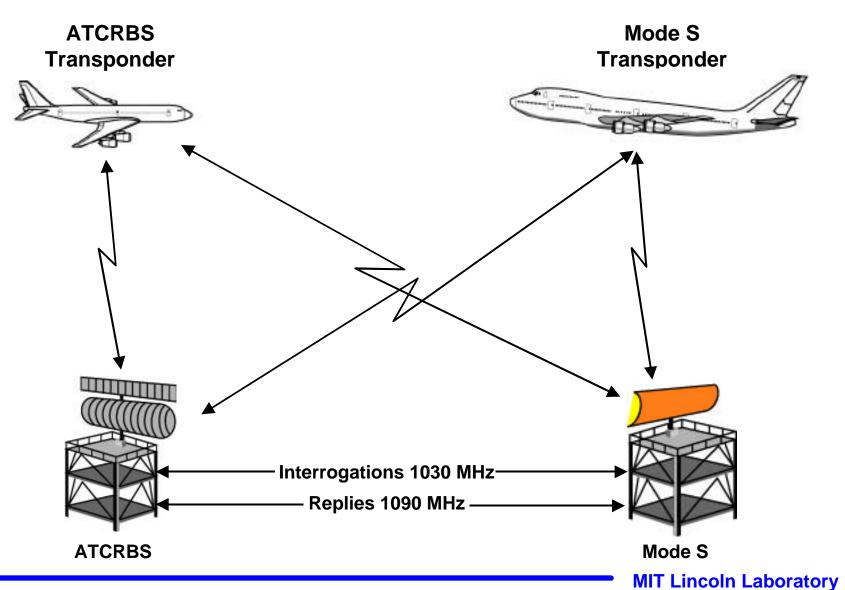


Mode S Operation



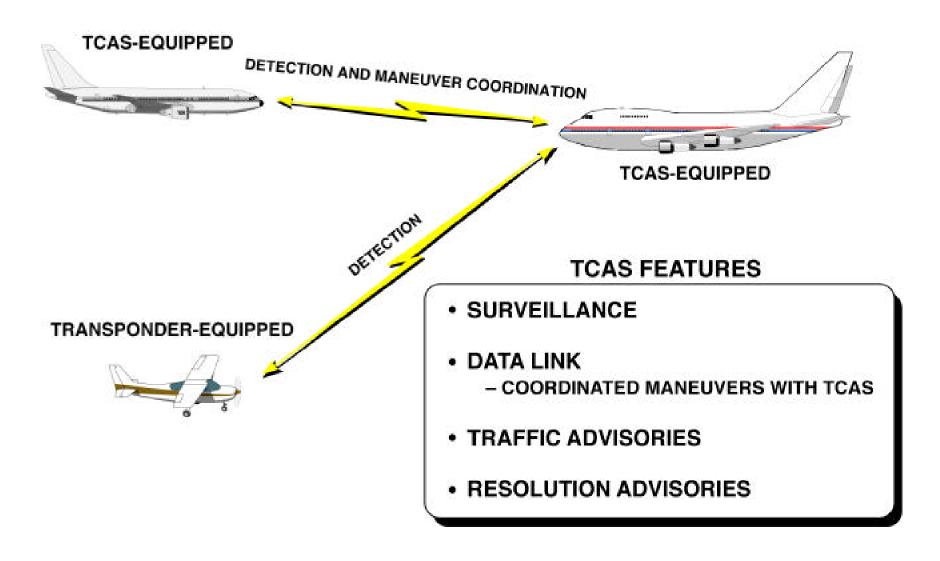


Compatibility Between ATCRBS and Mode S





TCAS – System Description





Mode S "Enhanced Surveillance"

- Transponder contains 250, 56-bit data registers
- Forty registers currently defined by ICAO to contain
 - Aircraft-derived position reports (position, velocity, altitude, identification)
 - Aircraft state
 - Aircraft intent
 - Meteorological data
- Register data available for readout:
 - Air-to-ground by current Mode S ground stations
 - Air-to-air via TCAS cross link



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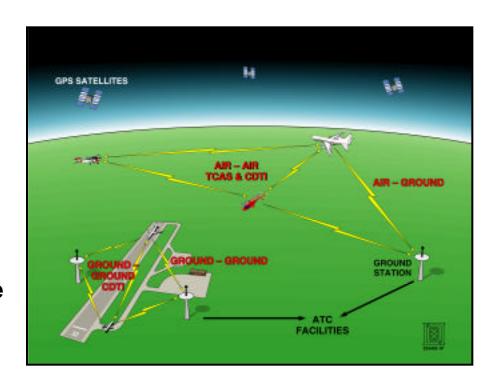


- Capabilities under development
 - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)
 - Time difference multilateration
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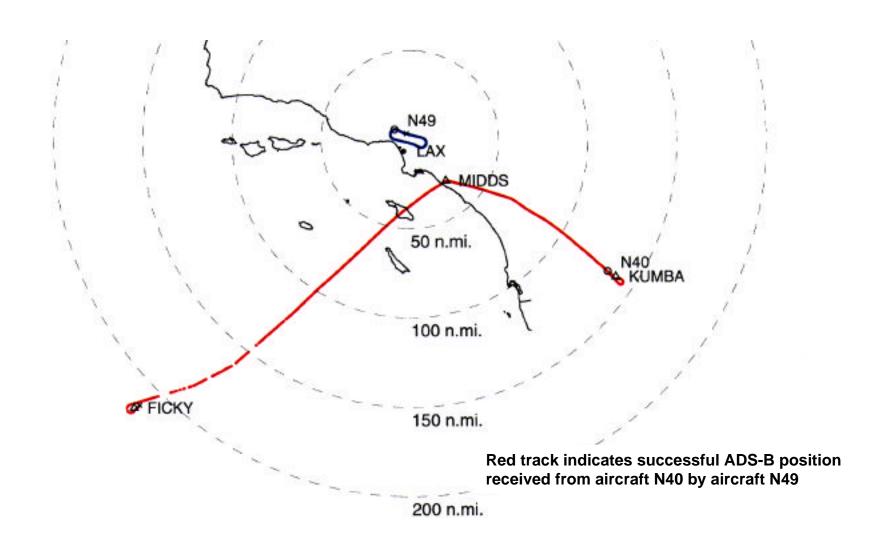
Automatic Dependent Surveillance (ADS-B)

- Concept: Aircraft-derived position broadcast over common data link
- Implementation: Mode S transponders spontaneously broadcast (squitter) ADS-B data
- Most stringent technical requirement: 90 nmi air-to-air reception range in high interference environment (e.g., LA Basin)



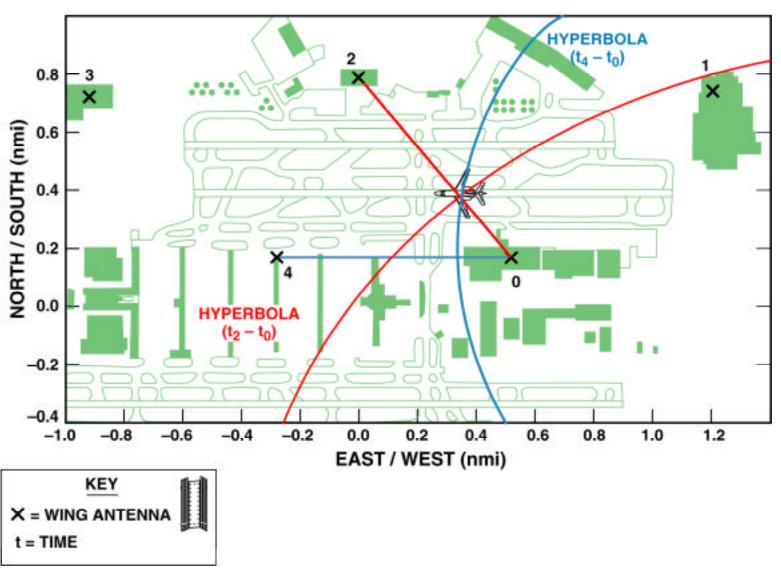


LA Basin Flight Test Results Air-to-Air Surveillance Performance



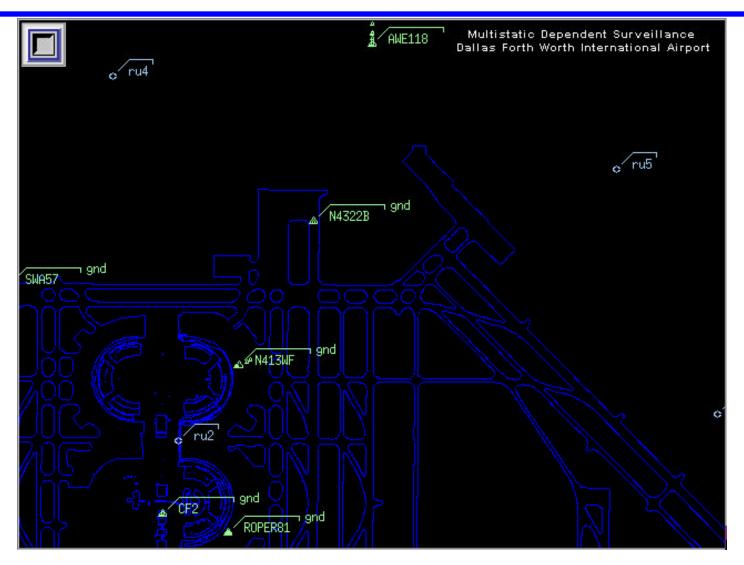


Time Difference Multilateration





Multilateration Operation at DFW



Playback courtesy of Sensis Corporation



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 - Collaboration for user-preferred arrival metering
 - Self spacing for merging and in-trail separation
 - Intelligent routing for efficient active runway crossings and taxi
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Application of Surveillance DAG-TM

Collaboration for User-Preferred Arrival Metering

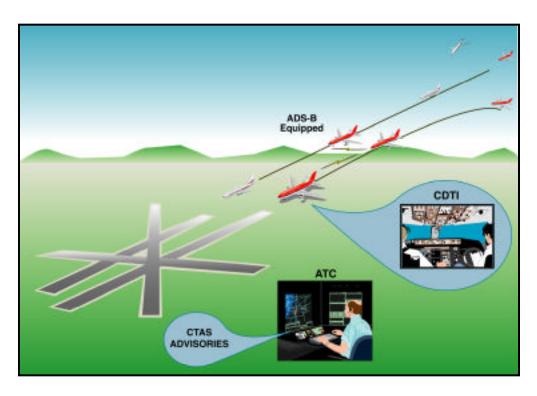


- Accurate measurements of aircraft and atmosphere state yield improvements in
 - Trajectory prediction
 - Conformance monitoring
- Research questions
 - What data is required?
 - What is the quantitative relationship between data quality and achievable benefits?



Application of Surveillance to DAG-TM

Self-Spacing for Merging and In-Trail Separation

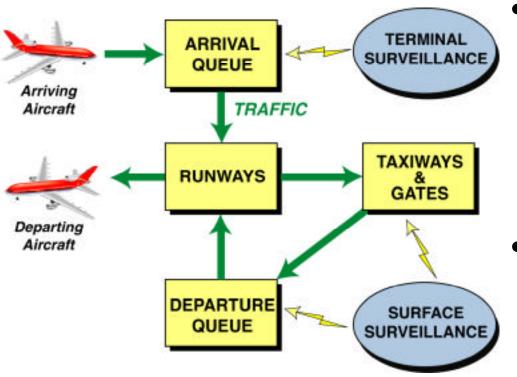


- CDTI enabled by air-to-air surveillance enables
 - Improved approach and departure spacing
- Research questions
 - What is the operational concept for the interaction of airborne and ground tools?
 - What data must be exchanged?
 - What is the relationship between technical system performance and achievable benefits?



Application of Surveillance to ATM

Intelligent Routing for Efficient Active-Runway Crossings and Taxi



- Direct measurement of surface traffic state yields
 - More efficient surface movement
 - Reduced potential for surface accidents
- Research questions
 - What are current airport surface delay mechanisms?
 - What are appropriate delay countermeasures?
 - What are appropriate safety measures?



Summary

- Cooperative surveillance forms the principal basis for determining the "state" of air traffic in the NAS
- Mode S and TCAS are mature surveillance systems that have been well validated by operational experience and include substantial unexploited capabilities
- Transponder multilateration and ADS-B enable new airport surface and air-to-air surveillance capabilities
- DAG-TM research must quantify the surveillance performance required to achieve operational benefits